

construction and construction standards that it would allow quite safely another five miles an hour to be added. But it would also not create a situation in which the Department of Roads would be forced to lower a speed limit on most of the other roads in the state of Nebraska. I think this particular amendment is, in fact, a decent compromise that addresses the concerns of the lower population areas and yet retains a good control over the flow of traffic on those roads that are perhaps not as quality in construction or, in fact, have a much heavier traffic load. So I would encourage the adoption of the Elmer amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. I'll be brief on this time to visit, but I think it just follows, as Senator Coordsen has so aptly stated, that if, in fact, we do have those roads with design and visibility that are excellent with low traffic densities as we experience in our western part of our state, that we should be allowed to apply to the Department of Roads for this 5 mile an hour increase above the 60 miles an hour. And the burden of proof then is, with the road, is it actually one that would handle and would be amenable to these types of speeds? It doesn't make sense, as Senator Wickersham so ably has pointed out, to have these type of restrictions across the entire state with conditions that are so different. Senator Robinson has his problem road that where he can have it lowered from 60. We have our roads that we'd certainly like to see just a little bit more leeway. The distances are great, the traffic is...the traffic flows are low and I think that in many cases that the 65 would not be granted because of the type of shoulders and the type of roads they are, but in some cases they may. And I don't like to have to go be contrary to our American type of mentality where we believe everything is innocent until proved guilty, but in this case I would propose that these roads are guilty of being so dangerous, can prove themselves to be innocent of that danger and be raised five. I'd ask for your adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator.; Senator Cudaback announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature: Myra Katherine Hale from North Platte is here, she is Miss Nebraska; and Marsha Hecox from Gothenburg are here, who is a member of the Miss Nebraska Board of Directors. They are